



Southeast Oakland SWAT

The S.W.A.T. team was originally formed in 1987 in order to **combat the increasing special threats facing our society**. Due to technological advances, criminals are becoming better armed with more devastating devices.

In 2003 the Ferndale Police Department's S.W.A.T. Team joined forces with Madison Heights' Police Department, Royal Oak's Police Department, and Madison Heights' Fire Department to officially become **Southeast Oakland S.W.A.T.** This consortium has many benefits for the members. Each city has a functional S.W.A.T. team but pays only a portion of the costs and the member cities retain local control. Also, the team has a larger pool of potential applicants to ensure that the **highest quality personnel are selected** as team members.

Drug dealers, gang members, hate groups, and other criminal organizations are training with weapons and strategies to overcome their victims and escape capture by law enforcement agencies. It is necessary for our police departments to stay ahead of these adversaries. The S.W.A.T. team is an important vehicle for doing so.

The Southeast Oakland S.W.A.T. Team **has handled dangerous situations** such as the execution of special threat search warrants and barricaded gunmen. The team also **creates instructional programs and gives tactical training** to the patrol forces and detective bureau's of each participating department.

In order to be admitted as a team member, officers of each department must go through the state's most rigorous and intense training academy available. The team trains regularly on a monthly basis and members go through other update training classes and academies. Our members also stay active in the tactical community outside of the department.

